

House Resolution 998

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Thomas of the 55th, Orrock of the 58th, Gardner of the 57th, Holmes of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Debi Starnes; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Debi Starnes is one of the original "Chicks in Charge"; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Debi Starnes was elected to the Atlanta City Council in 1993 to represent
- 4 District 2, the downtown and midtown business districts along with most of the surrounding
- 5 neighborhoods; and
- 6 WHEREAS, during her 12 years in office she has deservedly gained distinction as a city
- 7 representative who puts constituents first; and
- 8 WHEREAS, she has worked on the revitalization of downtown, spearheaded the
- 9 development of comprehensive services for the homeless, and worked to improve city
- 10 services; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she has been an extremely effective councilmember who has worked to
- 12 implement programs to reduce drugs and violence in Atlanta's public housing communities,
- 13 encourage homeless and runaway youngsters to remain in school, prevent teen pregnancy,
- 14 increase the number of children who are immunized, facilitate transportation for cancer
- 15 patients needing treatment, curb child abuse, and facilitate housing and services for people
- 16 with AIDS; and
- 17 WHEREAS, she is a native of East Tennessee and earned her Ph.D in Community
- 18 Psychology at Georgia State University in 1987; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she is founder and President of EMSTAR Research, Inc., a consulting firm
- 20 specializing in applied research and program evaluation; and

1 WHEREAS, on the occasion of her retirement from political office it is fitting to recognize
2 her significant achievements and contributions and to express our gratitude for her
3 exceptional service.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in recognizing Honorable Debi Starnes upon her retirement
6 from the Atlanta City Council, commend her for her many contributions to the City of
7 Atlanta and the State of Georgia, and extend their most sincere best wishes for her continued
8 success.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Debi Starnes.